

AUSTRO-HUNGARY

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**FORCES MAY JOIN
WITH TURKEY**

Action May be Taken as the Result of Hungary's Demand

By Bulletin Leased Wire.

MILAN, Jan. 12. — Information which has reached diplomatic quarters in Rome confirms the rumors that Austro-Hungary is massing 350,000 fresh troops for a new expedition against Serbia, and that Germany has also dispatched to aid the ally reinforcements of 90,000, of whom 50,000 are

Unreliable evidence has been obtained in Rome that Austria-Hungary has lately made a strenuous effort to attempt to patch up the Balkan state through the mediation of a neutral Balkan state.

Italy has all along obtained from the peace conference in the way of a plan for the Balkans the realization of Serbia's aspirations. She fully recognizes that the future destiny of Albania must depend upon the decision of the future peace congress and the general attitude of the peace conference. Italy has not relinquished one whit of her desire to see the Balkan states retain in perpetuity their independence.

AMSTERDAM, via London, Jan. 12.—(1:30 a.m.)—Major Mordaunt, military correspondent of the *Herliner*

against Serbia is announced. We must desire it on political grounds, but it should not be undertaken at the expense of the peace in Galicia, if progress can not be made in Galicia without diminishing the main army. It would be prudent for us to await successes in Poland."

MILAN, Jan. 12.—The Popolo Romano, which is usually well informed about Austrian plans, states that the forthcoming Austro-German attack on Serbia will not be in the nature of a punitive expedition, but will aim at joining hands with Turkey across Serbia and with the cooperation of Bulgaria.

—MAR DE BRES TO HUNGARY.—

LONDON, Jan. 13, (2.55 a.m.) — The Petrograd correspondent of the Daily Mail reports it is the general belief in Russia that the projected new invasion of Servia is due to the urgent demands of Hungarian statesmen that something should be done to defend their country, otherwise they threaten Hungary will look after herself.

It is stated, according to the same despatch, that an expedition of 400,000 men is being made ready under the command of Archduke Eugene of Austria, to which will be attached a German general army leader. The expedition will include two Bavarian

Report May Be Ruse.
PETROGRAD, Jan. 12.—The statement that Germany is sending three corps to join the Austrians in a fresh

ably is untrue and intended to induce the Russians to divert their dispositions or greatly increase their forces in Bukowina, which are advancing at about a dozen miles a day toward a junction with the Serbian army. It

German forces which are unquestionably assembling inside the Austrian zone, are intended for new formations in the Carpathians preparatory to a further attempt with all the men that Austria and Germany can spare to invade Western Galicia.

**SIR MAX AITKIN IS
OFFICIAL REPORTER**

By Bulletin Leased Wire.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—A cable from London to the Star says it is announced there, although the official confirmation is so far not forthcoming, that Sir Max Aitken has been appointed to the post of official reporter to the Canadian forces.

"Sir Max," the despatch says, "will begin work at the camp at Salisbury Plain, issuing statements for publication to the press and the Canadian quarters quartered there."

"He will also issue official reports upon the operations of the Canadian

LEGAL QUESTION IS DECIDED AT MEDICINE HAT

"MEDICINE HAT, Jan. 12.—A decision involving a very important legal point has just been handed down by Justice Walsh, of the supreme court of Alberta, that creditors of the Alberta Glass Bottle company, may sustain a lien against the land agreed to be given them by the city of Medicine Hat, although the glass bottle company has not been given title to the land, and probably never will have title to it. The land

pany upon the completion and operation of its plant. The plant never came to the stage of operation, and hence the present suit. The claim is for \$2800 and there are other creditors who will probably seek similar

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